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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I have already explained the position with regard to buildings."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" My question was whether the police constables are being paid house-rent allowance even if they have houses of their own, and whether there is any rule that they should be given house-rent allowance even in cases where they have got houses of their own. If there is any such rule, may I know, Sir, whether it differs from place to place, from official to official, and from class to class? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" If the hon. Member will put a separate question to me, I will study the whole set of rules, and answer."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" The Hon. Chief Minister stated in his reply that where accommodation was limited, preference was given to married persons. Is it not a fact, Sir, that bachelors are not given accommodation in such houses at all? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I understand the hon. Member's great sympathy for the constables."

The Kuttipuram bridge.

* 258 *Q.*—SRI P. KUNHI RAMA KIDAV: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the stage at which the construction of the Kuttipuram bridge (Ponnani taluk, Malabar district) stands at present; and

(*b*) whether there is any proposal to postpone the construction?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) The foundation work has been completed, most of the piers have been completed up to bed block level and the superstructure yet remains to be done. Out of eleven spans of the bridge, one span has already been cast and work in another span is in progress.

" (*b*) No."

Abolition of the system of maintaining confidential sheets for the N.G.Os.

* 259 *Q.*—SRI G. RAMA RAO: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether there is any proposal with the Government to abolish the present system of maintaining confidential and conduct sheets for the non-gazetted officers?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" There is no such proposal under consideration."

SRI G. RAMA RAO :—" In view of the fact that there is every scope for officers to ride rough-shod over their subordinates and to ill-treat them at their whims and fancies, and to mar them if they refuse to do any favour for their own caste-men and favourites at the expense of others, with the help of the system of maintaining

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confidential and conduct sheets and also as this was a method adopted by an alien Government to suit the running of their own slave rule in India, will the Government abolish this immediately in the interest of 6 lakhs of public servants? "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member is making a speech. Let the hon. Member put it in the form of a question."

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I do not accept the thesis of the hon. Member. Subordinate officials have a chance to get promoted and make similar remarks."

Sri C. V. K. RAO :—" Are the non-gazetted officers made aware of the remarks recorded against them and are their explanations also recorded? "

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Yes, Sir. When any adverse remark is entered, which remark if communicated will produce some improvement, it is an established rule that it is communicated to the officer concerned and his explanation is received and looked into."

Sri R. KRISHNAN :—" Have the Government received any memorandum in this connexion from the non-gazetted officers and if so, what steps have been taken on that memorandum? "

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, I am not able to say now whether a particular memorandum of this kind has been received. But I have already stated that it is absolutely essential to keep such records."

Sri T. VISWANATHAM :—" The Hon. the Chief Minister was pleased to say that adverse remarks are being communicated to the officers concerned. As the Hon. the Chief Minister, in the course of his dealing with service appeals, must have come across many cases where these remarks have not been communicated, will he be pleased to give instructions to officers to strictly adhere to that rule? "

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, I have come across many cases where the remarks are communicated. I have studied the rules and they are good and proper and I have reiterated and reaffirmed those rules even before this question was put."

Sri S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know, Sir, whether the remarks, adverse or favourable, affect the promotion of non-gazetted officers without taking into consideration their seniority? "

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Yes, Sir. Most certainly. Good remarks go in their favour and bad remarks go against them. Where a remark is about a temperament or things like that, which cannot be altered, they are not communicated because they cannot be corrected."

Sri S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" Have any adverse remarks been entered in the sheets of those non-gazetted officers who participated in the strike of 1945? "

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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" That was a general strike and no remark need be entered in the particular dossier."

Grant of lands to Harijans in Malabar.

*260 Q.—SRI M. CHADAYAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether the Government have passed orders to assign 15 cents of land to each and every Harijan family in Malabar?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Government have ordered that house-sites be granted at the rate of 15 cents for every Harijan family only in Malabar district, but this concession is restricted to those who have no legal rights to the house-sites under their occupation and who are houseless."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" Do Government grant any loans for building houses on those house-sites that have been granted? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" What has that to do with assignment of lands to Harijan families? "

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN :—" May I know, Sir, how many Harijan families have been benefited by this Government Order so far? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" I want notice, Sir."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to tell us whether this order to assign 15 cents of land to each and every Harijan family is a peculiar favour conferred upon the Harijans in Malabar alone or whether this order is applicable to all Harijans living in the State? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" This assignment of 15 cents of land is peculiar to Malabar district alone. The need for enhancing the extent to 15 cents has arisen as there is no cheri system in Malabar and as the extent of the lands under the occupation of the Harijans is more than the limit of 5 cents fixed in the case of dry lands."

10-50 a.m. JANAB K. M. SEETHI :—" May I know when the order was passed? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" In G.O. No. 1409, dated 31st December 1951, the Government issued the order."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" In distributing the lands, will the Government see that no new cheris are created? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" There is no possibility of cheris being created."